

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes - November 2, 2010

Present: Ron Blum, John Alves, Susan Waddington, Dave Pinsonneault, Richard Wallace, Judy Johnson.

Absent: Jim Tusino, Tom Clancy.

The meeting was called to order in the Town Hall Kitchen at 7:30 by Chair, Ron Blum.

1. Minutes from the September 22, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

2. Arcade Trails update. The owner of the Arcade Ave. property has declined to sell us the acreage behind Lot 5 that we felt would improve the trails layout. However, Kelley Whitmore got an informal assessment from a trails person that we could lay out a trail through Lot 5 and up along Arcade Ave. that would still be viable. This would include boardwalks and at the time of the meeting no accurate cost figures were available. Willit expressed reservations about going forward without accurate figures, even though the trail would only be constructed in the second year of the project. Although Lot 5 includes wetlands Richard said that there were good uplands in back with old growth pines. In addition, the Conservation Committee supports the development of the trail, even if it goes through wetlands as there are several types of wetlands and this might be an opportunity for an educational trail. There was also concern about the price of the lot (\$150,000), but it was agreed that this is a vital link in the trails network and we have seen from the past, that once the town (or in this case CPC) lets acreage go by, it is gone for good.

After much discussion it was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to present the warrant article as it read at the time of the meeting. Willit will attempt to get better figures from Kelley before November 29 and the Committee will meet at 6:00 pm before Town Meeting to make a decision on whether to let that part of the Warrant to go forward. Ron will notify us of the place (in the high school).

3. *Town Hall update.* We will need an RFP from the Historic Commission before Town Meeting to be sure the wording satisfies both CPC requirements and town voters. Ron will share with the committee when he receives it.

4. *Funding.* The amounts to be withdrawn from the CPC funds are as follows:

Arcade Trails - \$25,000 from Open Space; 159,575.00 from unencumbered funds.

Old Town Hall - \$25,000 from Historic; \$15,000 from unencumbered funds.

5. There will be a taping for Cable 9 on November 9 at 3:00 pm to explain Warrant articles to Seekonk residents. John Alves has volunteered to be CPC representative and asks that any available members join him.

6. *Spring projects.* Will be discussed at our next regular meeting. December 13.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan R Waddington, Clerk